

## JOIN US IN PRAYER - AUGUST 2020

Week 1: AUG 3-9 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN EUROPE / EURASIA	
<b>MON 3</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that despite the challenges, one of our medical clinics in Central Asia has been able to keep its doors open and serve the people since the beginning of the global pandemic. In response to demand, the medical clinic is now providing online consultation, home visits and extended clinic hours (including Saturday mornings) to care for the people.
<b>TUE 4</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Central Asia as they are experiencing a “second wave” of COVID-19. The healthcare system is increasingly overwhelmed and there are many seriously ill patients. Please pray for those who are sick with limited access to resources, as well as the health and safety of the medical providers (and our missionary families) who are frequently being exposed to the virus.
<b>WED 5</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for strength for the staff of the medical clinics. In July, half of the workers were at home sick with flu-like symptoms, while the other half struggled to keep up with the greatest demand ever for their services. Pray for one of our clinics that was able to reopen in mid-July and that their new protocols will help to protect the staff and patients, and keep the doors open.
<b>THU 6</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for wisdom as doctors make decisions about who should have access to increasingly limited supplies of oxygen and hospital beds. Medical evacuation flights have been going out at least weekly with seriously ill expatriate patients.
<b>FRI 7</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that several tons of food have been distributed to families affected by the economic shut-down implemented during the COVID-19 crisis. Praise God for the opportunities this has provided to share the hope of Jesus with many who have never heard.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 8-9</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Deaf in India</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 10-15 million   <b>Language:</b> Indian Sign Language   <b>Main Religion:</b> Hinduism   <b>Evangelical:</b> Unknown In other parts of the world, the children of deaf adults often serve as interpreters. However, in India, the grandparents or other extended families often raise children of deaf adults, and the children do not admit to having deaf parents, nor do they engage in the deaf community. There are actually about 60 evangelical churches serving the deaf community throughout India. Pray for these churches. Pray for a Bible training program specifically for the deaf Christian community to educate and raise up leaders. There is also a great need for interpreters. Pray for nationals as well as cross-cultural workers to serve as liaisons between the deaf and hearing populations. Pray for families to stay together, and that the deaf community would not feel abandoned.
Week 2: AUG 10-16 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN NORTH AFRICA / MIDDLE EAST	
<b>MON 10</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the successful release of a mobile phone app to provide a daily Scripture reading in the language of an indigenous people in N. Africa. Pray for testing to begin soon on a similar app in another language used in the middle Atlas Mountain region.
<b>TUE 11</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our partners distributing Scripture in creative ways in North Africa. Pray that the significant wave of opposition experienced on social media in July would expand the impact of the Word among the majority who are honestly seeking to know God.
<b>WED 12</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Ty and Paula’s visa/residence status to be completed and that they would have it in hand before the end of August. Pray also for a partner ministry couple who is currently seeking refugee status in Germany. This couple is continuing to use social media to encourage and work with the five house churches they planted in their undisclosed home country.
<b>THU 13</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for providing all the funds needed for another media facilitator with our partner in the Arabic social media outreach. Pray for more seekers to join in discussions through this outreach and wisdom for the facilitators to speak into the lives of those seeking the Truth.
<b>FRI 14</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our multi-language animation project for outreach to Muslims. Pray that God would help our Technical Producer to resolve current challenges so he is free to devote more energy to the project. Pray that our friends working on the SE Asia field testing would be able to quickly complete that portion of the project.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 15-16</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Tajik</b> <b>Country:</b> Tajikistan   <b>Population:</b> 7.1 million   <b>Language:</b> Tajik   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0% The Tajiks are one of the oldest people groups in Central Asia despite being invaded and conquered multiple times throughout history. After the USSR dissolved, Tajikistan went through a destructive civil war that killed thousands and collapsed the economy. Many Tajiks farm in the summers and live in the cities during the rest of the year, which creates an unsteady labor force. The majority of Tajiks are Sunni Muslim, although about 10 percent identify as non-religious. The Tajik are a spiritual people and are open to spiritual conversations. Pray that they would be open to learning about who Jesus is and what He taught, and they would not see Christianity simply as a “Russian” religion. Pray for workers to invest in the communities and support the local churches.
Week 3: AUG 17-23 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN ECUADOR	
<b>MON 17</b>	<b>PRAY</b> with us for the situation in Ecuador. Fear is spreading faster than the virus. We ask God to give our team wisdom to share the hope in Jesus in our interactions with Ecuadorians over social media in the midst of social distancing. Virus infections continue to be on the rise in Quito, and there is a shortage of hospital beds to treat patients.
<b>TUE 18</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the unity, commitment, and care of one another at both Hospital Vozandes and the Carapungo Clinic which reflect the Glory of God, and a good testimony of where our trust rests. Our trust in the Lord makes a huge difference especially in a world anxious with the unknown. We thank God for opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ.
<b>WED 19</b>	<b>PRAY</b> as there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout Ecuador. Pray for staff members affected by the illness and for those who have lost loved ones. Pray for safety as many of our staff depend on public transportation to commute between home and the workplace. Pray for the necessary equipment to treat patients.

<b>THU 20</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for increased opportunities for ministry through the hospital and clinic. Both have strong chaplaincy departments, and through the use of technology, they have been able to continue virtual conferences, counseling, and even having our children's clubs via zoom. It has provided much needed community for our staff.
<b>FRI 21</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Carlos Intriago's family, including his wife Katy and their two kids. During the earthquake some years ago, Carlos lost his right leg. With the help of our donors, we were able to provide medical care and a prosthetic leg, as well as build a house for the family. During that time, Carlos came to know Jesus and got involved with a local church. He recently passed away from COVID-19. Pray for Katy and the children and that she would be able to continue to run a business to provide for their needs.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 22-23</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Iranun</b> <b>Country:</b> Philippines   <b>Population:</b> 264,000   <b>Language:</b> Iranun   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.30% The Iranun are a Filipino people group who were traditionally sailors and pirates. Many Iranun today make a living through fishing while others raise food crops. Their communities are centered around traditional laws and a headman, who is the leader that facilitates discussions and often settles local disputes. They practice the pillars of Islam but also integrate many animistic rituals into their beliefs. Pray for the Filipino Christian community to engage with the Iranun, to serve and love them and to share the message of Jesus.
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>AUG 24-30 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY THROUGH ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROJECT</b>
<b>MON 24</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the progress so far on updating English Conversation Club branding and materials. Pray that we can continue to move on this project and for wisdom as we reorganize.
<b>TUE 25</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our very small team who does many different jobs, that we don't get overwhelmed or burned out.
<b>WED 26</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for a continually growing social media presence allowing people in many closed access countries to hear our pre-evangelism programs.
<b>THU 27</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that there are lots of people asking to become English Club leaders. However, there is not enough capacity on our team to be able to train them. Pray that these potential club leaders would be patient as we go through the reorganizing of clubs which is going more slowly than we hoped (both because of normal processes and exacerbated by COVID-19). Pray for God to bring the people and resources our team needs to help meet the demand for clubs.
<b>FRI 28</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the completion of a new website for our audio program, allowing us to reach more people in a more effective way.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 29-30</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Abkhaz</b> <b>Country:</b> Turkey   <b>Population:</b> 164,000   <b>Language:</b> Abkhaz   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0% In the 15th Century, Ottoman Turks conquered the Caucasus Mountain region, and many of the native Abkhazians converted from Christianity to Islam. When Russia regained control of the region, the Muslim Abkhazians felt threatened by Christian Russia and accepted refuge offered by Muslim Turkey. Abkhazians have begun to assimilate into mainstream Turkish culture and are in danger of losing their identity as a separate ethnic group. Still, they have retained their caste system and their complex native language, which includes more than 50 consonants and numerous pronunciations for each one. Pray that the complete Bible would be translated into their language. Pray that Christian Abkhazians left in Russia and Georgia would share Christ with their brothers in Turkey.
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>AUG 31 - SEPT 6 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND COUNTRY OFFICES</b>
<b>MON 31</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the new FastTrack missionary preparation program, which is scheduled to start in January in Spain. The project is a joint effort of the UK and Netherlands offices of Reach Beyond. Pray for a good number of applicants to take part, and for the Lord to guide each one to the place where He can use them most in His harvest field.
<b>TUE 1</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Reach Beyond Australia in the midst of the second wave of the pandemic. In July, Melbourne was placed under lockdown again for 6 weeks. The Reach Beyond staff was not allowed to leave the Melbourne Metro area. Pray for the staff at Kununurra (our radio broadcasting site) as they are unable to accept volunteers or additional staff from outside Western Australia.
<b>WED 2</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for three people to join and serve on the Reach Beyond Sweden Board of Directors. The annual meeting will take place in mid-October so pray that the Lord brings three people who have a heart and vision for the ministry of Reach Beyond before October.
<b>THU 3</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the community center in Bradford, UK and for being able to bring some of the programs online during the pandemic. Pray for vulnerable clients who are isolated and struggle with their mental health, made much worse by lockdown. Pray for favor with new funding applications so that the Millside Centre team can set up extra mental health and well-being support.
<b>FRI 4</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the many people in India now receiving audio Gospel messages on WhatsApp through a project of the Reach Beyond office in Australia. During what has been a challenge for many in this continent during the pandemic, the Good News of Jesus is still flourishing and reaching those who have never heard.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 5-6</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Kurds</b> <b>Country:</b> Iraq   <b>Population:</b> 4.6 million   <b>Language:</b> Kurdish   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.01% The Kurds trace their heritage back to the Medes of ancient Persia. It is likely that the wise men who traveled to see Jesus at his birth were Zoroastrian priests, ancestors of the modern Kurds. The Kurds have faced much discrimination throughout modern history and are the largest ethnic group without a state of their own. They hold strong loyalty to their immediate family and then to their tribe. Most Kurds are Muslim but hold their faith lightly and still connect with their ancient Zoroastrian faith. Pray that the Kurds would come to know Jesus as the Light of the World. Pray that those who walk in the Light would have fellowship and unity with one another.